(FOSMA);

(iii) Maritime Associations of Ship Managers and Ship Agents (MASSA); and

(iv) Students enrolling for the post sea traini'ng course in LBS College, Mumbai.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) and (f) Salary of faculty members recruited in MERI by the Government arc paid as per the scales of pay prescribed for government servants. The faculty and staff provided by MMERT are paid directly by them as per terms and conditions of MMERT.

Ship Repair Project at Rajabagan

1900. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 213 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether site activities for phase I has been started in November, 1996; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether completion date of the project has been revised again; if so, the reasons therefor and the revised date of completion;

(c) whether the revised cost estimate of Rs. 71.34 crores has been changed; and

(d) the amount spent so far in the project and amount allocated for the year 1997-98?

THE .MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) No, Sir. The recommendation for implementation of the first phase having basic estimated cost of Rs. 20.00 crores including Rs. 9.9 crores as Dutch Financial assistance is under process. Indo-Dutch Grant Agreement for the Dutch assistance is yet to be finalised. Contracts related to site activities could not therefore be finalised.

(b) Since the project is linked to Dutch assistance, the implementation of the project is dependent on the finalisation of Indo-Dutch Grant agreement. It has been estimated about 18 months would be required for completion of phase I from the finalisation of Grant agreement.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) An amount of Rs. 4.10 crores has so far been released. An allocation of Rs. 2.00 crores has been made for the year 1997-98.

Vacant post of the Chairman of Kandla Port

1901. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of the Chairman of Kandla Port is lying vacant and there is no decision-making body functioning at the Port; and

(b) if so, since when this post is lying vacant and the steps Government have taken or propose to take to fill up this post without any further delay?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Capt. A.N.M. Kishore has taken over charge as Chairman, Kandla Port Trust on 03.02.1997.

Karnataka's Share in CRF

1902. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the share of the State of Karnataka in the Central Road Fund during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the allotment has been commensurate to the requirement proposed by the State Government;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government would consider reviewing criteria for allotment

to the State from the Fund in view of developing the infrastructural need of the industry?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) Allocation of funds from Central Road Fund (CRF) is done on lump-sum basis having regard to the accruals (which is based on consumption of petrol, except non-aviation fuel) of various States, schemes sanctioned and the funds made available by the Ministry of Finance. The share/allocation of funds during the last three years of Karnataka is as under:—

Years	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1994-95	288.00
1995-96	110.00
1996-97	170.00

(d) The resolution passed by the two Houses of Parliament for augmenting the CRF in May, 1988 has not yet been implemented.

Improvement of Alpuzha-Noovatupuzha Road in Kerala

1903. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for the improvement of Alpuzha-Noovatupuzha in Kerala utilizing the funds of CRF is under Government's consideration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग की लम्बाई

1904. **श्री अखिलेश दास** : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में कितने किलोमीटर लम्बे राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग का निर्माण हुआ है और उन स्थानों के नाम पर क्या-क्या है जहां यह निर्माण कार्य करवाया गया है,

(ख) उपरोक्त वर्षों में प्रत्येक वर्ष में कितनी- कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गयी है और पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान पूरे देश में राषट्रीय राजमार्गें के विस्तार पर खर्च की गयी धनराशि में से कितने प्रतिशत धनराशि उत्तर प्रदेश के राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों पर खर्च की गयी है, और

(ग) क्या वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों का विस्तार किए जाने संबंधी कोई योजना विचारधीन है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी0 जी0 वेंकटरामन) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों में उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य में राष्ट्रीय राजमोर्ग नेटवर्क में सड़क के गाजीपुर-बलिया छपरा खंड को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग सं0 19 घोषित करके 128 कि0 मी0 की लम्बाई जोड़ी गई है।

(ख) राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विकास के लिए निधियां जिसमें नव घोषित राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग के लिए आवश्यक निधियां भी शामिल है, राज्य को एकमुश्त रूप से आवंटित की जाती हैं न कि कार्यवार पिछले तीन वर्षों में राष्ट्ररीय राजमार्ग के विकास के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य को आंवटित निधियां इस प्रकार हैं:

वर्ष	आवंटित निधियां (लाख रू0)
1994-95	6264.00
1995-66	7670.00
1996-97	7610.00

(ग)1997-98 के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग के विस्तार का कोई प्रस्ताव विचारधीन नहीं है।

Waterways Transport between Madras and Nagappattinam

1905. SHRI T.M. VENKATA-CHALAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering introducing waterways transport between Madras and Nagappattinam via Pondicherry Cuddalore; and

(b) if so, whether any survey has been done?